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Information. USIA continued its strong play that Castro-Communism, despite all its promises, has failed to achieve progress. Special stories were prepared on Castro's sending 7,000 more army troops into the sugar cane fields. There also were stories of the Cuban people's refusal to turn in old silver coins for the new low-value alloy issue. Commentary material along the lines of "hungry Cuban people get excuses instead of food" was produced, with some cross-play from Latin American newspapers.

Political. State reports it has prepared a position paper, to follow up the Rostow presentation at NATO, for Secretary Rusk's use at the NATO Ministerial Meeting, 3 May.

Studies Scheduled. The preparation of a number of papers desired by the Special Group is in progress, including:

1. Blockade - how to impose physically (Defense)
2. Blockade - effects of total blockade (CIA)
3. Cubans in the U.S. Armed Forces (Defense)
4. List of Cuban anti-Castro organisations (CIA)
5. Security Committee, OAS, activity (State)
6. Joint analysis of evidence on supporting military facilities (Defense-CIA)
7. Census of Hemisphere travellers to Cuba (CIA)
8. "Patrol posts" in Caribbean, with particular reference to Haiti and Dominican Republic (Defense)
9. Feasibility of electronic intrusion (Defense)
10. Feasibility of uses of Guantanamo (Defense).

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